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REMONSTRANCE OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY CONCERNING THE RECORDS OF
THE UNITED STATES CENSUS.

WHEREAS, The members of the Columbia Historical Society have learned with surprise and regret that it has been proposed in a bill now pending in Congress to destroy or to divide up among the States the original official Records of the Census of the United States from 1790 to 1890; therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly remonstrate against such a disposition of these valuable historical archives, because

1. They contain historical and biographical data not elsewhere to be found.

2. They furnish evidence of births, deaths and nativities in detail, not published in the volumes of the Census, except in aggregate figures—no individual names being printed.

3. They contain many specific facts of local resources, industries and productions in agriculture, manufactures, mining, etc., which are only tabulated in gross in the printed records.

4. They embrace more information regarding disease and mortality than the condensed statistics exhibit.

5. They are highly important as determining facts of personal residence, age or occupation at a given period of life, of vast numbers of the population of the United States.

6. They belong to the class of original documents illustrating the decennial progress of the nation in every part, which should be carefully preserved, as of permanent interest and value.

Resolved, That any partition among the States of these invaluable national Records would scatter them at remote distances, and would defeat the object of conserving them for public reference, under proper conditions, at the Capital of the nation.

Resolved, That since the only reason alleged for destroying or dividing these Records of the Census is the want of adequate space in our public buildings, we earnestly urge upon Congress an immediate provision for a fire-proof Hall of Records, to contain the Government Archives, a measure of pressing necessity and national importance, already too long delayed.

Offered by Vice-President Spofford, May 12, 1902, endorsed by Board of Managers and unanimously passed by the Society.

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